

The Prelude

September 2017

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

Dean's Message

Greetings! It's hard to believe that September is almost here! My summer has been busy with conferences/continuing education, vacation and visiting family. Now I'm scurrying around trying to get ready for choirs starting back up and finalizing our chapter's programs for the coming year!

I'm excited about the programs we have put together. Earlier this summer our chapter board had a very productive meeting in preparation for this year. We discussed many potential ideas and reached a consensus on events. Over the past few months, we've made contacts and arrangements and "tweaked" the schedule as necessary. Some of the events are still being planned, but details are coming together nicely.

Many thanks to Charles Brown, Pam Davis, Peggy Dorr, Melissa Flowers, Dennis Johns, Neil Kraft, Denise Mathias, John Roberts, David Saunders and Josh Wang for their ideas and work on our programs for 2017-2018!

Events include a local organ crawl, a presentation/demonstration on the life and music of Paul Manz and a choral festival. We will also have our annual scholarship auditions and student recital, and new this year is a recital presented by members of our chapter. A continuing education event focused on aspects of organ playing and the AGO certification process is planned for January. Our year will end with a recital by Matt Bickett, our region's AGO/Quimby RCYO winner. It looks to be a great year!

We will start the year off with some great food and fellowship at the *Black Pearl Restaurant* in South Toledo (on Heatherdowns near the Stranahan Theater). We will order individually off of the menu; those who attended the Youngstown AGO regional, the Indiana University Sacred Music Course or other organ/sacred music offerings this summer will share about these events. Come join us for an enjoyable evening as we reconnect and share!

Make sure to put our October program on your calendar. In observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Scott Hyslop will present a program on the life and organ works of Paul Manz. Scott studied with Paul Manz and wrote his biography: *The Journey Was Chosen: The Life and Work of Paul Manz*.

Our Sacred Choral Music Festival (with conductor Bradley Pierson of UT) will take place on Sunday, November 19 at Christ Presbyterian Church. The event is open to all—directors do not need to be a member of AGO. Rehearsal will begin at 2:00p.m., followed by a catered supper and more rehearsal. The festival choir will perform in a concluding worship service at 7:00p.m. *Please encourage singers and choirs to join us.* More information and a registration form are included in this newsletter.

The various events offered in our 2017 – 2018 program embody the mission of the AGO: to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. The vision of the Guild is to engage, support, and uplift every organist. I hope to reach out to others personally to enact this vision this year. May we all do the same! *Soli Deo Gloria!*

—*Mark Mathias, Dean*



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who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.*

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit articles, news, concerts or vacant positions, contact Melissa Flowers, Secretary.

WEBSITE

www.toledoago.org

Toledo AGO September Dinner & Gathering

Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Black Pearl Restaurant, 4630 Heatherdowns Blvd. (across from Stranahan Theatre)

Wide variety of dinner selections at reasonable prices. Full cocktail bar, if desired.

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**Anne and Richard Doerfler**, members of the Toledo Chapter AGO for more than 50 years, have relocated on the Gulf coast in Florida to be near family. By November, their address will be 16304 Garnet Glen Place, Wimauma, FL 33598. Their email and cell phone remain the same: [ad7440@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ad7440@sbcglobal.net), 419-262-1767.

Richard served as organist at First English Lutheran Church and retired as organist from Glenwood Lutheran Church after 18 years. For a couple of years he was organist at Washington Congregational Church where Anne was Director of Music. As a registered piano technician in the Piano Technicians Guild, Richard served a vast number of both private clients and concert artists. He tuned for the Toledo Museum of Art from 1976 until recently and also rebuilt their concert Steinway. Richard plans to continue tuning in Florida and will have a small shop in his new home.

Anne resigned from St. Petri Lutheran Church last September after 27 years as Director of Music/Organist. Prior to that assignment, she was Director of Music/Organist at Washington Church for 18 years. She had served at several churches since her high school lessons with Dr. Helen Allinger at Glenwood Lutheran, spanning a career of over 63 years. Anne held several offices in the Toledo Chapter AGO, was a past Dean and for many years published the Yearbook-Directory. She looks forward to opportunities to engage with a local AGO chapter and do some organ substituting.

From their new home in the Valencia Lakes community, Anne and Richard will remember with fondness their many friends and musical liaisons, especially the many who came to concerts in their home.

## Toledo Chapter AGO 2017 – 2018

Sun., Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.

September Dinner & Gathering

The Black Pearl, Toledo

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Sun., Oct. 8, 3 p.m.

Scholarship Auditions

Our Lady of Lourdes, Toledo

Our annual scholarship auditions will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on a Schantz organ. The auditions are open to the public.

Sat., Oct. 14, 10 a.m.

Paul Manz Presentation

Community of Christ, Whitehouse

Dr. Scott Hyslop, Director of Music at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, MI, and former student and biographer of Paul Manz, will give a presentation on the life and work of Manz, incorporating performances of some of his improvisations in the manner of a mini hymn festival.

Sun., Nov. 19, 2 p.m.

Sacred Choral Music Festival

Christ Presbyterian, Toledo

Area church choirs/singers will join together to rehearse and perform a concert. (*Directors do not need to be members of the AGO.*) Bradley Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo, will conduct. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Jan., TBA

Continuing Education

TBA

This continuing education program, led by members of our chapter, will focus on aspects of playing the organ and programs offered by the AGO. Details will be announced in our next newsletter.

Feb., TBA

Member's Recital

TBA

Members of our chapter will present an organ recital at an area church. Details to be announced soon.

Sun., March 11, 3 p.m.

Annual Student Recital

Our Lady of Lourdes, Toledo

Our student scholarship winners and other organ students of our chapter members will perform on the church's 2-manual, 20-rank Schantz pipe organ.

Fri., April 13

Ghost Pipes

TBA

Neil Kraft and Mark Muller will lead us in an organ crawl at area churches. More details TBA.

Sun., May 6, 4 p.m.

Recital: Matt Bickett

Monroe St. UM, Toledo

Our closing program of the year will feature Matt Bickett in recital. Matt is the 2017 winner of our region's AGO/Quimby RCYO (Regional Competitions for Young Artists). He gave a superb performance at the Winner's Recital in Youngstown in July.

## Sacred Choral Music Festival

Our chapter is sponsoring a *Sacred Choral Music Festival* on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo. Area church choirs/singers are invited to participate. (*Directors do NOT need to belong to the AGO to have their choir participate.*)



The festival choir will prepare six selections under the direction of Dr. Bradley Pierson. Brad is the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo. He will lead us in our rehearsals that day and at the concert. Choirs/singers are asked to rehearse the selections in advance. Choirs are expected to purchase copies of the music for their singers. The repertoire is:

|                                                |        |                           |               |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------|
| The King of Love My Shepherd Is - Dan Forrest  | SATB   | Beckenhorst Press         | BP1688        |
| My Eyes for Beauty Pine - Herbert Howells      | U/SATB | Oxford Univ. Press        | 780193501126  |
| Blow Ye the Trumpet - Kirke Mechem             | SATB   | G. Schirmer               | HL50481534    |
| Carpenters of God - Vijay Singh                | SSATBB | Santa Barbara Music Publ. | SBMP954       |
| Saints Bound for Heaven - Mack Wilberg         | SATB   | Oxford Univ. Press        | 9780193860568 |
| Ubi Caritas (with optional piano) - Ola Gjeilo | SATB   | Walton Music              | WW1386        |

(NOTE: Gjeilo wrote a number of pieces by this title. Be certain that you have code #WW1386.)

Singers who wish to participate but do not have a choir to rehearse with in preparation for the festival could possibly rehearse with other participating choirs at their regular weekly rehearsals. Contact Mark Mathias for more information about this.

The event will begin at 2:00p.m. and will conclude with the closing worship service at 7:00p.m., which will feature the festival choir in concert and congregational singing. Rehearsals will be interspersed with a break and a catered supper.

The registration fee is \$10 per singer and includes the catered supper.

For additional information, please contact me (Mark Mathias msmathias@yahoo.com; 419-475-8629, ext. 205; cell: 419-708-6953.) I can also provide internet links to the music (recordings and sample pages).

Choirs which I have directed have always benefitted greatly from a festival experience and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I'm excited about the festival and hope that you and your singers will join us!

## Job Openings



**St. Petri Lutheran Church, 3120 S. Byrne Road, Toledo, OH 43614**, is seeking a talented, spiritually gifted person to fill the position of organist, choir director. Cassavant two manual pipe organ, Yamaha 6'7" Grand Piano, one adult choir, potential for reviving the Christian Arts Program for children K through 6, extensive choral library. One Service on Sunday at 9:30 am. Midweek services during Advent and Lent, other evening services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Holy Week. Contact Gene Daniels at 419-389-7000 for further information.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Toledo, OH** is seeking a Music Minister. The person will play a vital role in our church's ministry by working with volunteers, pastor and the Arts Minister. This position is part time and includes providing organ and piano music for worship services and directing one vocal choir and one bell choir. Qualities presented by applicants should include creative vision for worship. St. Paul's has a 3 manual Reuter organ and a wide range of additional instruments. We seek applicants who are excited by the possibility of empowering people through the message of the Gospel and the expression of the arts to find St. Paul's a welcoming home.

Applicants should submit a resume and letter of interest to the church office at 428 No. Erie St., Toledo, OH 43604

## **Job Opening: St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maumee**

August, 2017

### **Position Description: Director of Music**

Purpose: To provide choral music and serve as Director of Music for worship. Candidate will report to the Rector.

Salary: The position is considered part time (about 10 hours/week), with a salary between 10,000-14,000 based on education and experience, for 42 weeks/year, excluding the summer season.

Qualifications: The candidate should have experience in choral leadership and talent in music production. The candidate should be familiar with liturgical worship.

Duties:

- Provide for musical offering each Sunday. This may be the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Multi-generational Chimes Choir, soloists, ensemble, etc.
  - Provide offering for special services:
    - Ash Wednesday (evening)
    - Maundy Thursday (evening)
    - Good Friday (evening)
    - Additional services as determined by liturgy committee
- Secure contracts for Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday musicians
- Weekly hymn and service music selection
- Adult Choir-recruit, direct, and teach. Sing twice per month
  - The current rehearsal schedule is weekly: Mid-August thru May, Sundays after service
- Children's Choir- Start-up with weekly rehearsals – sing once per month. Provide Annual musical
- Chimes Choir- quarterly or monthly performance.
- Co-produce annual recital and annual talent show with organist
- Hire section leaders for choir
- Manage music budget
- Work closely with the rector, organist, and Christian Education Director to plan for enriched worship
- Attend biweekly staff meetings and quarterly liturgy committee meetings
- Summer Music Camp with stipend. Five day camp for middle school youth in a model similar to Vacation Bible School. This may involve hiring a camp director, or serving as the camp director with a stipend.

Interested candidates should submit their resume or vitae to the search committee at [paul@stpaulsmaumee.org](mailto:paul@stpaulsmaumee.org).

Questions may be forwarded to the rector at [paul@stpaulsmaumee.org](mailto:paul@stpaulsmaumee.org)



**ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS**

For students in grades 7–12 and adult students not currently enrolled in a collegiate organ program

Sponsored by The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

**Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017, 3:00pm**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

**6149 Hill Avenue**

**Toledo, OH 43615**

**General Scholarship amounts to be given up to \$500**

All awards are given at the discretion of the judges. Anyone who has received a large scholarship two years in a row will be limited to a \$100 award.

The \$500 Mary Anderson Award is given to the top High School qualifier and can only be received once by the same person.

Scholarship monies are to be used for organ lessons from a member of the Toledo AGO and will be made payable to the student's instructor. Students who have previously been awarded a scholarship should have completed all previous year scholarship lessons before applying.

**Applicant Requirements:**

Each applicant will prepare two contrasting pieces (limited to 10 minutes total) and a hymn of his/her choice. He/She will also be asked to sight-read a hymn.

Students auditioning for the first time may play their audition on the piano.

Up to 1 hour of practice time will be scheduled for each student. *Please **do not** call the church to arrange this time, as Denise Mathias will schedule this with you.*

Each applicant must complete and submit the attached form and a letter of recommendation from his/her private instructor, pastor or church musician.

*The application and letter of referral must be mailed (or emailed) by October 1 to:*

Denise Mathias

AGO Scholarship Auditions

3930 Grandview Ct.

Toledo, OH 43614

419-473-1167, ext. 230

dmathias@monroestumc.com

Scholarship winners will perform in the

**Toledo AGO Scholarship Winners Recital**

**Sunday, March 11, 2018, 3:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 6149 Hill Ave., Toledo**



Submitted by Kate Philabaum

419.270.3224

## Local Musician Joins Leadership of National Organization

"It was a humbling moment," said Omaldo Perez, the Music Director of Zoar Lutheran Church, "to be asked to join the executive board of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians as Director at Large. Mr. Perez was formally installed in this post back in July at the end of the organization's national biennial conference, held in Minneapolis, MN. "The invitation came as a complete surprise."

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians or ALCM for short is a professional organization dedicated to the cause of strengthening the ministry of music in the Lutheran Church. With its headquarters based in Valparaiso, IN, ALCM has over fifteen hundred members from all over the USA. "ALCM, since its inception in 1985, has been and continues to be a platform for connecting cantors across the country with each other. At the same time its members greatly benefit because ALCM facilitates access to educational resources, such as publications, conferences, and workshops, while promoting the importance of professional skills for successful ministry in the church," said Mr. Perez. He further added, "I guess I must say something about the word "cantor." Cantor is the historical title given to the person charged with looking after the musical life of a congregation. The role of leader of song and the title have a very long history and go all the way back to the ancient practices of Jewish worship. Just to give you an idea, the towering figure in western classical music, Johann Sebastian Bach, is our most famous cantor. We, present day church musicians can only be humbled and honored by such company."

As Omaldo Perez begins his third year of music ministry at Zoar Lutheran Church, he is also eager to contribute to the organization and serve its members. "I joined in 2003. Being part of ALCM has been invaluable for my professional growth: it has allowed me to live into a different understanding of my vocation - one based on a very long heritage of music-making for the church. Being part of ALCM has helped me better connect to a living tradition."

It has been estimated conservatively by those familiar with Lutheran church attendance statistics that the ALCM members who actively lead church music each week touch the lives of nearly a half million individuals each month. For more information about ALCM, please visit the website [www.alcm.org](http://www.alcm.org).

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Dan Boyle will be giving a **recital** at Solomon on Sunday, October 15 at 3:00p.m. at Solomon Lutheran Church, 305 W. Main St. in Woodville, Ohio. The program will include selections based on hymns by Martin Luther and also works by Handel, Hollins, DePue, Clerambault and Bach. There will be a reception following in the lounge, and a free will offering will be received to support continued maintenance of the Schantz-Muller pipe organ.

Dan Boyle
danboyle2@gmail.com



FACULTY ARTIST RECITAL:

Joan Holder McConnell, organ

Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 PM

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

131 E. PERRY ST., TIFFIN, OH 44883



FEATURED GUEST ARTIST:

Andreas Oeste, english horn

This concert includes masterworks by J.S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn, along with a new composition, "The Light of Light Descending" by Doug McConnell. Andreas Oeste, Heidelberg adjunct instructor of Oboe, will be featured in a work by Calvin Hampton, Variations on "Amazing Grace."

This program is free and open to the public; all are welcome!



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Tues., Aug. 29, 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 5, 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Choral Music Festival

(Sponsored by the Toledo Chapter of the AGO)

November 19, 2017

Christ Presbyterian Church

Registration Form

***** Registration Deadline – November 5 *****

Name of Choir/Singer: _____

Name of Church: _____

Choir Director: _____

Contact information of director/singer

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number attending

____ Soprano ____ Alto ____ Tenor ____ Bass ____ Total

Registration Fee (\$10 per person) (number of individuals) x \$10 each = \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to Toledo Chapter, AGO. Please send 1 check per choir.

Please return completed registration form and registration fee to:

Mark Mathias

Christ Presbyterian Church

4225 W. Sylvania

Toledo, OH 43623

Toledo Chapter AGO
Scholarship Audition Application
2017

Applicant's Name: _____

Grade (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Instructor: _____

Two contrasting pieces to be performed (10 minute max):

Hymn to be performed: _____

Please describe your music background and your future musical interests.

This application and a letter of recommendation must be mailed (or emailed) by *Oct. 1, 2017* to:

Denise Mathias

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3930 Grandview Ct.

Toledo, OH 43614

419-473-1167, ext. 230 dmathias@monroestumc.com

Toledo AGO Membership Directory

The following changes have been made to our directory. I will be sending these to the web master, and I invite you to note them in your paper copy, if you wish.

CHARLES BROWN has a new address and phone number:

Charles F. Brown III BME MM

419-386-1437

3337 Arlington Ave., Apt. F113

cbrown@mvcds.org

Toledo OH 43614

Teacher, Maumee Valley Country Day School

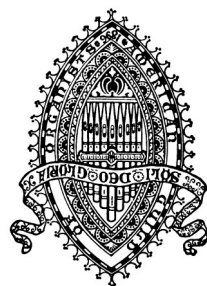
CYNTHIA DYBDAHL is moving to Medina with family. We wish her all the best!

MICHAEL ROSAS has moved his membership to the Detroit chapter. Best wishes, Michael!

GLADYS RUDOLPH retires as of June 30 from her position as Director of Music at First Unitarian Church.

Thanks, everyone who sent me updates!

—*Joan McConnell, Membership Chair*



Toledo Chapter AGO